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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :  
Peter HEROLD et al. : Attn: BOX PCT  
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PRODUCTION OF N-SUBSTITUTED  
2,7-DIALKYL-4-HYDROXY-5-AMINO-  
8-ARYL-OCTANOYLAMIDES  
[Corresponding to PCT/CH00/00384  
Filed July 13, 2000]

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

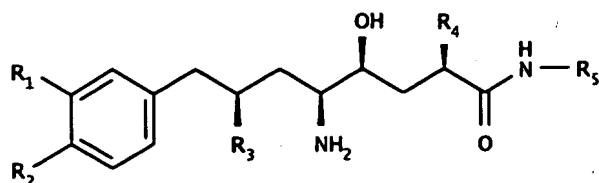
Page 1, after the title of the invention, please insert:

This application is a 371 application of PCT/CH00/00384 filed July 13, 2000.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 8, 11-12, 15 and 17-18 as follows:

8. (Amended) A process according to any one of claims 1 to 7 comprising the preparation of diastereomers of formula Ia



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